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REMARKS

Claim 40 has been amended to depend on claims 35 and 36. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the application as filed. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendment.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, directed to claims 1-12, as that Group is defined in the Office Letter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.


Applicants further respectfully request that rejoinder of the remaining groups be considered by the Examiner following the search.

The form PTO-892 lists U.S. Patent 5,747,536 which appears to have no relevance to the present invention. The PTO-892 further fails to list U.S. Patent 5,432,272 issued to Bronner on which the restriction requirement appears to rely. Applicants request clarification and/or correction of the PTO-892.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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